

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member David Prechtel	Present

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Assistant Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 28, 2014. Thereafter, a motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

Board members reviewed the claims from January 10, 2014 through February 6, 2014. Thereafter, a motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

Craig Hanneman, representing the Jasper Lions Club, asked permission to use two shelter houses and the Buehler Plaza area on Sunday, May 18, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the annual Strawberry Festival.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to approve the Jasper Lions Club Strawberry Festival at the plaza on May 18, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

### **HEARTLAND HALF MARATHON**

Kevin Manley, representing DC Multisport and Dubois County Tourism, along with Kenny Hochgesang with DC Multisport, asked permission to use the Buehler Plaza shelter houses and gazebo on Saturday, August 30, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. to noon for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Heartland half marathon and 5K run. The event was previously held on a Sunday. They also asked permission to use the City streets that are included in the route which is the same as last year. There were no issues with the route last year. They also want to use the train depot on August 29 and 30, 2014 for participants to pick up their race packets. This year they may add a Kids Run and a corporate challenge race.

Since the event is scheduled for Saturday rather than a Sunday, Darla Blazezy asked how the use of the train depot area will impact the farmers market. Since both events start at 7:30 a.m. Hochgesang said if necessary, they can leave some parking at the depot lot for the farmers market.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to adopt the new schedule for the Heartland half marathon on August 30, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. to noon contingent upon a certificate of insurance is in the hands of the personnel/safety/loss control director before the event. Motion carried 3-0.

### **BUD LIGHT COUNTRY MUSIC BREW FEST**

Kevin Manley, representing DC Multisport and Dubois County Tourism, said they want to use the Buehler Plaza area, shelter houses and gazebo on Saturday, August 30, 2014 from noon to 10:00 p.m. for the Bud Light Country Music Brew Fest. This event is scheduled the same day as the Heartland half marathon. They will be selling food and beer. Several bands will be playing during the event. Manley said he still needs three items; provide a certificate of insurance to the City of Jasper, obtain an entertainment permit, and obtain a beer/wine permit.

A motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to adopt the Bud Light Country Music Brew Fest with contingencies. Motion carried 3-0.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Seitz said he wanted a proclamation entered into the record that proclaims February 10-16, 2014 as Random Acts of Kindness Week. The week is being promoted by the Jasper HomeTown Competitiveness program and the Jasper Chamber of Commerce.

### **JUNK ASSET**

Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies asked permission to junk asset #101868, a disk hard drive that no longer works. City Attorney Renee Kabrick asked if the data had been saved. Knies said yes.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit the personnel/safety/loss control director to junk asset #101868. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **RULE 13 PERMIT MS4**

City Engineer Chad Hurm reported that the City received a notice of sufficiency from IDEM, therefore a five-year renewal of our Rule 13 Permit MS4 has been received.

#### **SEEK QUOTES**

City Engineer Chad Hurm asked permission to seek quotes for a hearing impaired system for the council chambers to replace the current system that is damaged.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to give permission to get quotes for this. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **POWER DRIVE AND HRJ LANE**

Mayor Seitz said the City is working on an area on the south side of Jasper to make it a shovel-ready site for economic development purposes. In order to do so the remaining parts of Power Drive and HRJ Lane that are privately owned should be dedicated to the City.

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented a map of the area and indicated what rights-of-way are already owned by the City and what is privately owned. Hurm said that Power Drive and HRJ Lane consist of two 12-foot concrete driving lanes. The existing shoulders are of varying width. The length of the proposed right-of-way to be dedicated is approximately 3345 lineal feet.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the dedication of Power Drive and HRJ Lane contingent upon the City Attorney preparing a right-of-way deed. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **2013 POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT**

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett gave an overview from the 2013 police activity report that included 5593 total calls.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to accept the Jasper Police Department 2013 activity report. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **INDIANA VECTOR CONTROL CONFERENCE**

Assistant Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising asked permission to send four street department employees who are licensed pesticide applicators to the 2014 Indiana Vector Control conference on March 10, 2014 at Bloomington, Indiana. Those who attend this conference will receive credits toward the renewal of their mosquito pesticide license. The cost of the conference registration is \$130 per person.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit the request made by the street department as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

### **DUBOIS COUNTY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Mayor Seitz asked the board to enter into an agreement with the Dubois County Leadership Academy. The cost to send one person is \$1,000.

A motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to authorize the \$1,000 to the Leadership Academy. Motion carried 3-0.

### **TRUCK ROUTES AND LOAD LIMITS**

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said the City has revisited the truck route ordinance and the recommendation is to repeal the current ordinance in its entirety and replace it with a new ordinance. If a truck has a destination point on a restricted street, she explained the time one can spend on that restricted street.

She also said trucks, particularly agricultural trucks, using 47<sup>th</sup> Street has been discussed over the years. There is a section in the ordinance called Special Restrictions that addresses this area. It reads:

**Agriculture Exclusion.** 47<sup>th</sup> Street west from U.S. 231 to the west Corporate Limits of the City of Jasper, Indiana shall be subject to a ten (10) ton weight restriction except as set out below:

Vehicles issued “farm” plates AND which vehicles are transporting agricultural hazardous chemicals, and/or live poultry/livestock, and/or dry or liquid animal waste, shall be exempt from the load limit requirement on this street; and

Vehicles issued “farm” plates traveling without any load OR transporting any material that is not designated immediately above, shall be subject to the “Truck Load Limit/Street Restriction Schedule” and shall proceed only over unrestricted streets and shall enter onto and use restricted streets, including 47<sup>th</sup> Street west from U.S. 231 to the west Corporate Limits of the City of Jasper, Indiana, only at the intersection with the street nearest to the intended destination point. Upon leaving the first destination point, such a truck shall proceed to other destination points by the shortest direction and shall travel on unrestricted streets whenever reasonably practicable between destinations.

Mayor Seitz asked if this ordinance affects Power Drive and HRJ Lane that was addressed earlier in this meeting. Assistant Street Commissioner Jeff Theising said that was a good point. He will look at the area and let the attorney know.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to adopt resolution number 2014-1 and forward this truck route recommendation to the council contingent upon the decision made this morning regarding Power Drive and HRJ Lane be considered for the ordinance. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with   X   without corrections or clarification this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz, Presiding Officer**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**